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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Employment of Children Act is in force in this Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I think it is."

Industries started in the Province.

* 76 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number and type of industries that have been started under the auspices of the Government since 1st January 1945 ; and

(b) how many of these industries are in the Andhra, Tamil Nad and Kerala areas, respectively, and how many of them have been started by Andhras, Tamilians and Malayalees, respectively?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) If by the term 'auspices' of Government is meant assistance of the type contemplated under the Madras State Aid to Industries Act the answer to this question is that during the period since 1st January 1945 Government have assisted only one industry, viz, the Radio and Electricals, Limited, Madras, by taking shares of the value of Rs. 2 lakhs. This factory has not commenced production. If on the other hand the term refers to industries started with the advice and assistance of Government it may be stated generally that no large scale industry could have been started during the period of control of such articles as iron and steel, cement, chemicals, etc., without the assistance of either the Provincial or the Central Government.

" (b) The list of factories as it stood on 1st January 1945 contains the following particulars :—

District.

Name of Factory.

Postal address.

Nature of work carried out.

Name of Manager.

Name of occupier.

" The list has not been compiled so as to give information regarding the number of industries started by Andhras, Tamilians and Malayalees, respectively. The list is supplied to the Council Library for the information of the hon. Member."

Gunnies for packing in Stationery Stores, Madras.

* 77 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many gunnies are used on the average in a year in the Government Stationery Stores for packing purposes;

(b) how the gunnies are obtained, whether they are purchased in the open market or secured through tenders;